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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 29, 2000. A petition and the appropriate fee for a three month extension of time, extending the date for response up to and including February 28, 2001, is submitted on even date herewith.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows. Please cancel claims 5 and 25 without prejudice, and amend claims 1 and 2, and add new claim 27 to read as follows. A claim set showing a red-lined version of the amendments and the new claim is attached at the end of this Response.